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SUBJECT: RECOGNITION

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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1. DEPARTMENT PREFERS TO CONTINUE TO DE-EMPHASIZE QUESTION OF FORMAL RECOGNITION AND WE PLAN TO MAINTAIN OUR PUBLIC POSITION THAT WE ARE CONDUCTING NORMAL RELATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF BANGLADESH. WE APPRECIATE, HOWEVER, PRESIDENT MUSHTAQUE'S DESIRE FOR FORMAL INDICATION OF RECOGNITION FOR PURPOSES OF POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL REASSURANCE. DEPARTMENT WOULD THEREFORE HAVE NO RPT NO OBJECTION IF BANGLADESH GOVERNMENT WISHED TO CHARACTERIZE PUBLICLY
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THE CONTINUING CONTACTS WE HAVE HAD WITH THE NEW GOVERNMENT

AS CONSTITUTING "RECOGNITION" OF THE BDG WITHOUT IDENTIFYING ANY SPECIFIC EVENT OR ACTION AS THE ACT OF RECOGNITION, AND WITHOUT NECESSITY FOR ANY FURTHER SPECIFIC ACTION ON OUR PART. IF THE BDG MAKES SUCH A PUBLIC STATEMENT, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD NOT RPT NOT CONTRADICT IT, AND WOULD, IF ASKED BY THE PRESS, MAKE A SIMILAR STATEMENT.

2. YOU SHOULD ALSO TELL THE BDG THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO MAKE SUCH A STATEMENT HERE, IN THE EVENT OF A PRESS QUERY, EVEN IF THE BDG DOES NOT MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF U.S.

RECOGNITION. HOWEVER, AT THIS POINT WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE ADDITIONAL PRESS QUERIES.

3. FYI ONE OF OUR PURPOSES IN AVOIDING FORMULATION OF FORMAL RECOGNITION ON PART OF USG IS TO PROVIDE PRECEDENT FOR MAXIMUM USG FLEXIBILITY IN DEALING WITH NEW GOVERNMENTS THAT RESULT FROM EXTRA-CONSTITUTIONAL PROCEDURES. END FYI

4. OUR POSITION SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE ANY NEGATIVE IMPLICATIONS ON OUTLOOK FOR US-BDG RELATIONS, WHICH WE HOPE WILL DEVELOP ON CLOSE AND FRIENDLY BASIS. YOU SHOULD REASSURE PRESIDENT MUSHTAQUE ON THE LATTER POINT. KISSINGER

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